

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1 - 12 are in the case.

1. (Currently Amended) A software virus detection method, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- evaluatively interpreting code;
- writing the results of said interpretation;
- scanning the results of said interpretation for the presence of proscribed code.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein ~~the step of~~ scanning the results of said interpretation for the presence of proscribed code further comprises comprising a first scanning ~~step~~ for the presence of code of interest.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 2 wherein ~~the first scanning step~~ for the presence of code of interest further comprises scanning for a file open command or a file modify command.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 2 wherein ~~the step of~~ scanning the results of said interpretation for the presence of proscribed code further comprises comprising a second scanning step for the presence of proscribed code of interest.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 4 wherein ~~the second scanning step~~ for the presence of proscribed code of interest further comprises scanning for viral code or

viral patterns.

6. (Original) A software virus detection article of manufacture comprising:

- a computer readable medium; and,
- a table of interpreted results, comprising interpreted proscribed code.

7. (Currently Amended) A software virus detection apparatus, comprising:

- a evaluative code interpreter;
- a pattern analyzer;
- a results evaluator;
- a reporter;

whereby, after proscribed code is interpreted by said evaluative code interpreter and results generated, those results are reviewed by said pattern analyzer for the presence of proscribed code, and results reported to said results evaluator, and from said results evaluator to a reporter.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 7 wherein said evaluative code interpreter further reviews said code for the presence of code of interest.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 8 wherein said evaluative code interpreter further reviews said code for the presence of a file open command or a file modify command.

10. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 9 wherein said pattern analyzer further reviews said code for the presence of code of interest.

11. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 10 wherein said pattern analyzer further reviews said code for the presence of proscribed code.

12. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 11 wherein said pattern analyzer further reviews said code for the presence of viral code or viral patterns.